GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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DOORDARSHAN FACILITIES IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is no Doordarshan coverage in the Andaman District in the Islands such as Hari Nagar, Diglipur, Millangram, Swarajgram and also in the tribal areas of Southern Group of Islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are proposing to provide Doordarshan coverage in these areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has intimated that eight transmitters are presently providing terrestrial coverage in the Andaman District of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, including one at Diglipur, and that 5 transmitters are providing Doordarshan coverage in the Nicobar district. However, Doordarshan signals are available throughout the country in Satellite mode.

(c), (d) & (e): Expansion of Doordarshan terrestrial coverage in various parts of the country, including the uncovered parts of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, is implemented by Prasar Bharati in gradual phases, and schemes in this regard are formulated from time to time, depending upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities.